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In re Application of
Raymond G. Gallagher
Application No. 09/399,545
Filed: December 20, 1999
For: SPACER FRAME FOR AN INSULATING
UNIT HAVING STRENGTHENED
SIDEWALLS TO RESIST TORSIONAL
TWIST

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in reply to applicant's communication, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on August 9, 2001. This communication is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to an Office action mailed on December 6, 2000.

Applicant's petition submits a statement that the Office action was not received by the applicant. This is not sufficient evidence that the applicant did not receive the Office action. However, upon further review of the file, it was determined that the Office action was mailed in error to the wrong address. Therefore, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to redate and remail the Office action of December 6, 2000 to the correct mailing address.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.

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